2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

2018 Department of the Interior

3. Committee or Subcommittee 3b. GSA Committee No.

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council 2067

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter **Date Date**

03/05/2018 03/05/2020 No

8c. Actual Term 8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination

FiscalYear? **Authority Date**

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Reg to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYear Terminate? Pending?

Continue Not Applicable Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

13. Effective 14c. 12. Specific Establishment Authority Commitee Presidential? Date

Type Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 10/21/1976 Continuing

309: 43 U.S.C. 1739

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of No Reports for this

Reports FiscalYear

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3 Meetings and Dates

Purpose Start End

The October 16 meeting will consist of a field trip to view the Beaty Butte Wild Horse Training Facility and a local mining claim, departing at 8 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The October 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. A public comment period will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 15-member Southeast Oregon RAC was chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The 10/16/2017 - 10/17/2017

members represent commodity, conservation, and general interests. They provide advice to BLM and Forest Service resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on

public land in southeast Oregon.

Agenda items for this meeting include election of 2018 officers; recommendations of management approaches for areas identified by BLM as lands with wilderness characteristics as part of the Vale and Lakeview Districts' respective resource management plan amendment(s) process; national wild horse and burro issues; sage-grouse causal factor analysis; the state sage-grouse resource management plan amendment; tribal consultation; a multi-state fuel breaks project; potential field trips for 2018; and the RAC charter and roles. The 15-member Southeast Oregon RAC is chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The members' diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. The RAC provides advice to BLM resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public lands in southeast Oregon.

03/15/2018 - 03/16/2018

No

The Southeast Oregon RAC will take a field tour on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and meet on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. The August 7 field trip will consist of a tour of lands with wilderness characteristics, and existing Wilderness Study Areas in preparation for the RAC to participate in the Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment process. Members of the public who want to participate in the field tour must provide their own transportation. Agenda items for the Wednesday, August 8, meeting include possible management 08/07/2018 - 08/08/2018 approaches for areas identified by the BLM as lands with wilderness characteristics for a formal recommendation by the Southeast Oregon RAC as part of the Lakeview District's Resource Management Plan Amendment process, development of cross-boundary fuel breaks to protect against wildfire, potential agency changes to sage grouse management, and any other business that may reasonably come before the RAC.

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$7,000.00	\$17,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,000.00	\$13,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$22,000.00	\$31,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) makes recommendations for consideration by BLM officials when planning key management actions. Members are proactive about getting information from resource managers and stakeholder groups so that they can provide informed feedback on programs and projects. Members have specific interest areas and geographic zones that they speak for during RAC discussions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or

adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are scheduled quarterly, barring an emergency.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This group is chartered by the Secretary of the Interior who has tasked it with independently reviewing land management practices and plans, and among the balanced members (in terms of interest), make formal recommendations which represent an agreed-upon perspective of a diverse group. There are numerous special-interest groups which make similar recommendations, but as a whole, the RAC themselves represent no single interest. As such, this is an invaluable tool with which to review land management practices and to make appropriate recommendations without fear of undue influence by one singular interest or another.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings? N/A

21. Remarks

The Southeast Oregon RAC met three times during FY18.

Designated Federal Officer

Jeff Rose Burns District Manager

	Committee	Start	End	Occupation	Member
	Members			Occupation	Designation
	Cunningham Coon	10/00/0015	10/00/0010	Danahar	Representative
Cunningham, Sean 12/22/20	12/22/2013	12/22/2018	Ranchel	Member	
Davis, Timothy 07/23/2	07/00/0040	8 07/23/2021	Friends of the Owyhee	Representative	
	07/23/2018			Member	
Hiller-Clark, Anne 12/20/2010	40/00/0040	12/20/2010 01/04/2020	Liberaine and Destaura	Representative	
	12/20/2010		Librarian and Professor	Member	
Hodge, Donald 01/23/20	04/00/0040	2 04/02/2018	County Commissioner	Representative	
	01/23/2012			Member	
	Kaalina laaan	40/00/0040	40/00/0040	Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation Environmental Program	Representative
Kesling, Jason 12/23/2010 12/20/2019 Direct	virector	Member			
Milburn, Philip 12/19/2012 12/22/2018 Wildli	iddife Dielegiet Oregon Deportment of Fish and Widdife	Representative			
	12/19/2012	12/22/2018	Wildlife Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Member	
	Marca Daniel	40/00/0045	40/00/0040	Consequetion Director Overse Netwel Becart Association	Representative
Morse, Daniel 12/22/2015	12/22/2018	Conservation Director, Oregon Natural Desert Association	Member		
Owens, Mark 07/23	07/22/2010	22/2010 07/22/2021	Harray Caushy Campricaianan	Representative	
	01/23/2016 01/23/2021	Harney County Commissioner	Member		
Poole	Doolo Konnoth	12/23/2016 01/04/2020	04/04/2020	Compound Deale Distributing owner	Representative
	Poole, Kenneth		Campo and Poole Distributing, owner	Member	

Radinovich, Jason 07/23/2018 07/23/2021 Harney County Electric Cooperative Member

Shepardson, Stan 07/23/2018 07/23/2021 Dentist Representative Member

Watts, Richard 12/22/2015 07/23/2021 Retired BLM Representative Member

Weikel, Julie 01/23/2012 04/02/2018 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Bureau of Land Management strives to manage public lands for numerous interests. In an effort to achieve that balance, RACs serve an important role in tempering public input and formulating well-thought-out and balanced recommendations to the land management agencies. Additionally, as RAC meetings are open to the public, members of the public are able to attend, allowing for transparency, and to directly address the RAC with specific concerns. Also, the RAC model allows for self-nomination and general nomination of representatives of numerous interests which affect, and are affected by, public lands. This allows public, special interest groups and others to have an avenue to serve their respective interest while contributing to a collaborative solution which is in turn endorsed and recognized by the land management agencies.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
mprovements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	
Effective grant making	
mproved service delivery	✓
ncreased customer satisfaction	✓
mplementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	

Outcome Comments

The RAC facilitates dialogue between agency managers and the general public. RAC members bring an array of viewpoints to resource discussions and share policy changes and updates with their stakeholder groups and others.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

None	
Unable to Determine	✓
Under \$100,000	
\$100,000 - \$500,000	
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	
Over \$10,000,000	
Cost Savings Other	

Cost Savings Comments

There has been no formal exploration of any associated cost-savings associated with the Southeast Oregon RAC. However, there is immeasurable value to the land management agencies, as input by way of the representatives can serve to substitute for official surveys of public sentiment related to any number of land management issues. Similarly, the collaborative and consultative service that the RAC provides as a means of interacting with the public also serves to better inform land management agencies of sentiments associated with certain groups or members of the public.

What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

45

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations were submitted in FY18. In FY2017, the council conveyed 1 recommendation to the state director, asking that the RAC be included in the implementation of the Greater Sage Grouse Causal Factor Analysis process; and 1 recommendation to the Lakeview District to discontinue maintenance of the state-owned Highway Well Rest Area. This brings the total of recommendations conveyed during the life of the committee to 45.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Fully</u> implemented by the agency?
62%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No recommendations from the SOUTHEAST OREGON RAC were fully implemented in FY2017. The RAC has not been able to meet since its recommendation to the State Director; and the Lakeview District is working with the state to address the Highway Well

Rest Area's maintenance.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency? 36%				
% of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Commendations to the agency by the SOUTHEAS received and implementation is in process for both.				
Does the agency provide the committee with feedback implement recommendations or advice offered? Yes No Not Applicable	ck regarding actions taken to			
Agency Feedback Comments Land management agency representatives routinely add on activities on their respective districts and areas of resum answering questions associated with any land management keeping the RAC apprised of the progress, or lack therest by the groupto include updates on implementation.	ponsibility. This includes nent practices or plans as well as			
What other actions has the agency taken as a result	of the committee's advice or			
recommendation?	Checked if Applies			
Reorganized Priorities	· · ·			
Reallocated resources	✓			
Issued new regulation				
Proposed legislation				
Approved grants or other payments				
Other				
Action Comments				
N/A				
Is the Committee engaged in the review of application	ons for grants?			
No				

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	Y
Online Agency Web Site	Y
Online Committee Web Site	Y
Online GSA FACA Web Site	Y
Publications	
Other	

Access Comments

The BLM provides information to RAC members through as many avenues as possible. Public access is available at BLM offices and online.